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SUBJECT: State Department Policy on Attendance at Official Functions of the Authorities on Taiwan

1. In response to an oral request, Director of the Taiwan Coordination Staff, Department of State, Mr. Donald C. Ferguson, orally provided the following regarding U.S. Government employee attendance at functions at the invitations of representatives of Taiwan:

The Department of State policy is that U.S. Government employees may not attend official functions at the invitation of representatives of the authorities on Taiwan. This is especially applicable when written invitation refers to the "Republic of China" - the existence of which is not recognized by the United States.

Attendance at an anniversary celebration of the foundation of the "Republic of China" would be in nonconformance with policy.

2. Mr. Ferguson said that to his knowledge the Department of State has not issued a specific statement of policy regarding attendance at 1980 receptions on the anniversary of the foundation of the "Republic of China" to be celebrated on 10 October by representatives of the authorities on Taiwan. If asked, the State Department, in adherence to existing policy, will advise Ambassadors and other U.S. Government officials that they may not attend. However, State is aware that many U.S. Government officials will attend anyway as private individuals.

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DCI INVITATION (SOCIAL)

DATE RECEIVED: _____

DATE OF EVENT: _____

1. INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVITATION:

SUSPENSE: _____

- a. Source: _____
- b. Type of Event: _____
- c. Special Occasion: _____
- d. Hosted By: _____
- e. Date/Time: _____
- f. Location: _____
- g. Attire: _____
- h. Significant Info: _____

2. SCHEDULE:

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

	Accept	Regret	Remarks
AIDE			
EA			

4. DCI DECISION: (MRS. TURNER INVITED - ____ Yes ____ No)

a. ACCEPT _____ REGRET _____ SEE ME _____

b. PASS TO: DDCI _____ D/DCI/ RM _____ D/DCI/ CT _____ DDNFA _____

5. AIDE FINAL ACTION: _____

6. INFORMATION ROUTING: _____

a. COMMENTS: _____